

machining operation the marking has a final depth T' that is $>$ than twice a thickness D of the overlay.

9. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein the at least one stamped marking is introduced with a round or n-gonal contour, where n is ≥ 3 .

10. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein the at least one stamped marking is introduced with a width B , such that after an internal machining operation the marking has a final width B' that is $>$ twice the thickness of the overlay.

11. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein the at least one stamped marking is introduced with a width B , such that after an internal machining operation the marking has a final width B' that is ≥ 0.1 mm.

12. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein the at least one stamped marking is introduced in the middle of the strip-shaped area.

13. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein the at least one stamped marking is introduced at the edge of the strip-shaped area.

14. (Currently Amended) A bearing shell having at least one stamped marking in an inner surface within a strip-shaped area of the bearing shell below a parting face of the bearing and an overlay applied to said inner surface over said stamped marking, and wherein the depth and width dimensions of the stamped marking are sufficiently large for the contour of the stamped marking to be retained through said overlay.